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FOR : Method for Treating Chronic Pain Using MEK Inhibitors

Response to Restriction Requirement Under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2003 (Paper Number 7) in which Restriction was required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

Under PCT Rule 13.1 and in accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, Applicants were required to elect a single invention of the following inventions:

Group I, claim(s) 1-26 and 122, drawn to a method of treating pain employing a compound of formula I.

Group II, claim(s) 27-35, 37-58 and 123, drawn to a method of treating pain employing a compound of formula II A.

Group III, claim 36, drawn to a method of treating pain employing a compound of formula IA.

Group IV, claim(s) 59-94 and 124, drawn to a method of treating pain employing a compound of formula IB.

Group V, claim(s) 95-121 and 125, drawn to a method of treating pain employing a compound of formula IC.

The Applicants hereby elect Group IV for prosecution on the merits, without traverse.

The Applicants have also been required to elect a single species to which the claim shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The Applicants hereby elect the species 2-(2-chloro-4-ethynyl-phenylamino)-N-cyclopropylmethoxy-3,4-difluoro-benzamide. Claims 59-67, 71, 72, 74, 79, 81, 82, 83, and 94 are readable on the elected species.

Finally, the Applicants respectfully reserve the right to file a Divisional application(s) to the non-elected claims.

The Applicants submit that this application is now in condition for allowance, which allowance is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: December 3, 2003

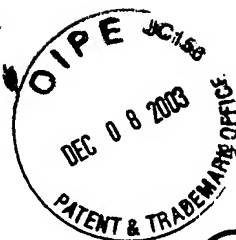


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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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